

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

NARUHIRO MICHIBA

For: VEHICULAR LAMP

Art Unit: --

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**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 11-306803 published in Japan on November 5, 1999; and

B. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open 7-41833 published by Japanese Patent Office on July 21, 1995.

The above prior art, which are in Japanese, are cited in the specification of the above-identified application, and a concise explanation of the relevance of this prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). In addition, an English language abstract is attached to prior art A. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of prior art A is omitted herein.

Since prior art B is not in English and no English translation or English language abstract is available at this time to the undersigned, a concise explanation of the relevance of this prior art is presented below pursuant to 37 CFR 1.1.98(a)(3):

Prior art B shows a vehicular lamp that prevents a formation of any condensation on the peripheral portion of a lens by thick-wall portions formed thereon. The vehicular lamp includes a lamp body 1, a lens 2 covering the lamp body 1, and a light bulb 6 installed in the lamp chamber 3; and the lens 2 is comprised of a central lens portion 2a and a peripheral portion 2b; and this peripheral portion 2b, which is not irradiated by the light bulb 6 directly, has thick-wall

portions 22, 23. The thick-wall portions 22, 23 store the heat transmitted from the central lens portion 2a which is directly irradiated and heated by the light beam from the light bulb 6; and the stored heat prevents the thick-wall portions 22, 23 from quenching, thus avoiding dew condensation.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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